

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	561	596	577
Average Size (acres)	147	133	130
Land in Farms (acres)	82,470	79,268	75,077
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	11,330	8,331	7,825
Hogs	483	823	495
Sheep	1,015	1,217	952
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			41,634
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			26,624
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			6,194
Milk (\$1,000)			2
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	56.7	56.3	57.4
Percent Female Operators	17.8	21.3	23.4
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			2,590
Equine Inventory			8,470
Value of Equine Inventory			\$60,555,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	15	<i>Soybeans</i>	13
<i>Barley</i>	18	<i>Vegetables</i>	9
<i>Forage</i>	6	<i>Wheat</i>	14

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	9	<i>Milk Cows</i>	10
<i>Broilers</i>	13	<i>Sheep</i>	9
<i>Hogs</i>	16		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2002	11,200	93.9	1,051,300
	2003	10,500	105.2	1,104,600
	2004	10,000	147.3	1,472,600
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2002	1,300	16.0	20,800
	2003	1,200	14.3	17,200
	2004	2,500	15.1	37,700
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2002	13,600	29.3	398,600
	2003	11,400	41.6	473,700
	2004	14,200	43.1	611,800
<i>Wheat (tons)</i>	2002	5,200	66.6	346,500
	2003	4,200	40.7	170,800
	2004	4,200	57.1	239,652
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2002	11,300	2.1	23,500
	2003	9,100	2.6	24,100
	2004	11,000	2.5	27,200
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2002	300	76.3	22,900
	2003	300	61.7	18,500
	2004	300	77.0	23,100

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$47.71	\$50.94	\$56.75

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